[Mr. K. Kunjukrishna Pillai.]

are necessary from me. I am sure that my friend the Deputy President would not misunderstand my protest against a nominated member speaking on behalf of the elected members. It is not a personal slight. Since he was a nominated member we could not, with self-respect, refrain from protesting against *his* speaking on *our* behalf. I had the painful duty of raising this protest once before when Mr. K. A. Krishna Aiyangar, of revered memory, also wanted to speak on *our* behalf. I do not stand behind anybody in extending to the Government our whole-hearted co-operation in all fields of work in which the interests of the people, the safety of society and the progress of the State in general are concerned. I do not think it is necessary for me to emphasise that. I hope you will not misunderstand me, Sir.

REFERENCE TO THE LATE RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR.

RAO BAHADUR A. VENKATARAMA AIYAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): Sir, I rise again to discharge a painful duty, the duty of bringing to the notice of this House the sad and sudden death, after this House adjourned last time, of one of its esteemed members, and its then Deputy President, I mean, Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar. At that time, he was hale and hearty; in fact, he was moving about the State and visiting several stations in connection with the work of this Council. He held meetings of the Select Committee on the Kshatriya Bill and collected evidence at several places as desired by this Council. When he reached this town to preside over the meetings of some Select Committees appointed in connection with certain Bills now before the Council, he took suddenly ill and passed away.

Mr. Krishna Aiyangar was born of poor parents in one of the suburban villages of the headquarters of the neighbouring District of Tinnevelly. He studied in the local Maha Raja's College, and after graduating there, took up service as an attache in the Dewan's Office, which corresponds to the present Secretariat. After a short period, he resigned that appointment and took up the Headmastership of the Town High School, one of the flourishing institutions of the grade in this town at that time. He continued there for only a short period. Then he took his degree in law and joined the Bar of the High Court here. A short time afterwards, he shifted the scene of his labours to Alleppey, where, within a few years, he became the accredited leader of the Bar, which place he occupied for nearly three decades. Of his achievements at the Bar, this is neither the place nor the occasion to expatiate upon. But it may be said that, during the last two decades, he took a prominent part in seeing that differences between the members of several leading and opulent families in Central and North Travancore were settled out of court, and that the disputes between members of leading trading concerns there, were also similarly settled by him. Thereby the parties affected by such differences were saved from ruinous litigation. He was for a long time the President of the Alleppey Municipal

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Council; and it may be said that Alleppey owes much to him. He was very popular among all communities, and several people flocked to him for advice. He was sometimes referred to as the uncrowned head of Alleppey. He was taking a leading part in several of the public movements in the State. He enjoyed the confidence of the Government as well, to a large extent. He was invited by them to be a member of the Salaries Committee and to be the Chairman of the Excise Committee, and of the University Committee. He was also appointed Chairman of two other Committees *viz.*, the Assembly Reforms Committee and the Irrigation Committee; but he resigned those offices before the reports were submitted to Government. He was connected with this Council for a long time and was its Deputy President for two full terms, and continued to be the Deputy President of the present Council also for over a year. It was, as I have already pointed out, when he was engaged in the work of this Council that he took suddenly ill and passed away.

Sir, it is therefore but fair that we express our appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by him, especially as he had been responsible on several occasions for bridging the gulf between the members of this House, caused by sharp differences of opinion between them. It is therefore but due to us to express ourselves warmly appreciating his work and place on record our deep sorrow on his sudden and sad death. I would therefore propose that this House place on record its warm appreciation of the invaluable services rendered to it by Rao Bahadur Krishna Aiyangar, and its deep sorrow at his sad and sudden death and communicate the same to the members of his family.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Sir, with your permission, I desire to say that we, on this side of the House, fully appreciate all that has been said by the learned Deputy President regarding the late Mr. Krishna Aiyangar. I knew him and enjoyed the privilege of his valued friendship perhaps for a much longer period than any other member now sitting in this Council. Mr. Krishna Aiyangar had a genius for making friends, and was incapable of making any enemies. He is one of whom Travancore might well be proud. He was an eminent Travancorean; and I should say he was a great Indian. As regards his knowledge of law and his personal influence in this country, I need not dilate upon. On those rare occasions when he had the privilege of presiding over this Council, he endeavoured his utmost to uphold the dignity of the House and to maintain its privileges. I do not, however, mean to say that his rulings from the Chair have always been invariably correct, nor do I, even at this moment, concede that the weight of his great and undoubted influence had always been cast on the popular side.

PRESIDENT: I think I can take it that the whole House agrees to what the two members have said; and we may place on record the great loss the Council has sustained in Mr. Krishna Aiyangar's early death, and also convey to his family our sorrow for his death and our appreciation of his valuable services.

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